



# United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Federal Building, Fort Snelling  
Twin Cities, Minnesota 55111

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44-77305  
IN REPLY REFER TO:  
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Chicago Dist.

Colonel James S. Miller  
District Engineer  
U. S. Army Engineer District  
Chicago  
219 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Colonel Miller:

This refers to Public Notice NCCOD-P 4477305, dated March 22, 1974 regarding an application from the United States Steel Corporation, Gary, Indiana, to conduct maintenance dredging in Lake Michigan at the Gary Works Plant, Gary, Indiana.

These comments are submitted in accordance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.); are consistent with the intent of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; and constitute the Department of the Interior's views on the permit application.

The Department of the Interior has no objection to the applicant's request provided the following stipulations are included in the permit:

1. Water quality be continuously monitored at the effluent outfall and the results provided to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Environmental Protection Agency, Chicago, Illinois.
2. If at any time during dredging operations, water quality in Gary Harbor or in the contained spoil area effluent exceeds maximum limits for Lake Michigan (as described in the Water Pollution Regulations of Indiana), dredging operations must cease until such time as the limitations can be met.

Sincerely,

C. E. Faulkner  
Acting Regional Director

bc: ✓ U. S. EPA, Federal Activities Branch, Chicago  
Director, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Indianapolis  
Mr. Carr, National Marine Fisheries Service, Ann Arbor